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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:	)	Examiner: Sandra L. Brase
Kenji MATSUDA, et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2852
Application No.: 09/940,441	)	Confirmation No.: 5068
Filed: August 29, 2001	)	May 13, 2003
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	)	
DEVELOPER SUPPLY CONTAINER	)	
REMOVABLY MOUNTABLE IN	)	
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	)	

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Sir:

Applicant has received a final Official Action, dated March 6, 2003, and are in the process of formulating a response, which is due on June 6, 2003 without any extension of time in the above-identified application.

In the interim, this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted to ensure that it is in the Official file when the Examiner next acts on the application.

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document also is enclosed.

### FEE

Also enclosed is a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in or credit any overpayment of this fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

### REMARKS

The listed document was recently cited in the enclosed Official Action, which is dated March 28, 2003 in a Korean counterpart of the application.

An English language Abstract of the listed document obtained from an Internet database also is enclosed.

### CONCLUSION

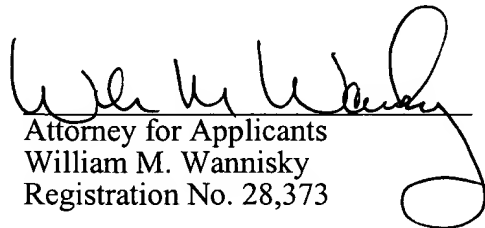
It is earnestly believed that all requirements for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement have been satisfied.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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